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JENAL LAWS ERUPTION
OF AMBIGUOUS VERBOSITY

Warden Fuller of Ionia Reformatory Says Thrifty Politicians Would Keep Prisoners Idle or "Set Them to Bottling Sunshine for Winter Consumption."

Warden Fuller of the state reformatory, at Ionia, in his report to the joint prison boards, made several recommendations regarding changes in the penal laws and methods in the state and took opportunity to give some pointers to the legislators. He said the indeterminate sentence law, while defective, was a great improvement over the old law. He illustrated with the following instance:

"Recently a pickpocket was given a light sentence by a judge who congratulated him on having drafted around the country 30 years without getting into prison. He told us the same story of a previous good record that he told the judge, but we published his portrait and description in the Chicago Detective and he was identified by the chief of police at New Orleans as a professional who had served three terms and had been given a few hours to leave many cities as a suspect. We can hold him for the full term provided by statute for his crime, while under the old law he would have been released at the end of 10 months to ply his vocation of robbery, which is his only trade. Almost as forcible illustrations of the value of the indeterminate sentence law are occurring at Ionia every week."

Warden Fuller said that it was impossible that the pardon board, after 15 to 30 minutes' study of the character of a prisoner, could be as competent judges of the wisdom of recommending a parole as are the secretary of the board, the warden, deputy-chaplain and hall master, who study the men for months. Yet these officials who come into close touch with the prisoners have no voice in the recommendations. The warden, therefore, recommends that the laws be changed as follows:

First. Reduce the pardon board to three members, including the secretary, and give the secretary a vote upon all questions.

Second. Put all members of the pardon board upon yearly salary instead of present per diem pay.

Third. Give the warden a vote upon all questions pertaining to parole and recommendations to the governor regarding parole and commutations of sentence.

Fourth. Give the board the power of absolute release after minimum sentence imposed by the court has been served, where further restraint of parole is deemed unnecessary or unsafe.

Fifth. Make the law more general and more flexible than the present on leaving more of the details to rules.

Sixth. Authorize the governor, boards of control of the several prisons, the pardon board and the warden, acting jointly, to make all rules under which the indeterminate sentence and parole law shall be administered and to amend these rules at the regular semi-annual meetings as experience may suggest.

"Some sections of the present law," says the warden, "are an eruption of ambiguous verbiage, in which general principles are befogged by details which should be left to rules. Ever since the law was passed the lawyers and the courts have been busy guessing what some of the language means."

"We do not need any legislative aid in solving the labor problem at Ionia, except the submission to the people of a constitutional amendment which shall forever set at rest the question whether the prisons shall be made productive and self-sustaining institutions or permanent burdens upon the taxpayers. This question cannot be settled to soon."

"From 1890 to 1904, under state account and police work, this institution was costing the people of Michigan over \$5,000 per month. During the six months from July 1, 1906, to Jan. 1, 1907, we draw only \$6,000 from the state treasury for all purposes."

"Our present industry yields the state \$5,000 a month and the prisoners about \$900 a month for overtask work. Much of the latter goes to the support of the families of prisoners."

"The reed chair industry is an ideal prison industry because it employs almost exclusively hand labor and employs a maximum of labor with a minimum of output, and consequently interferes to the smallest possible extent with the goods manufactured by free labor."

"Yet there are thrifty politicians who would keep the prisoners idle or set them to bottling sunshine for winter consumption for fear that useful prison labor may displace free labor. I am glad to say, however, that those who hold such views are the millinary laborers who work with their jaws for the votes of those who work with their hands."

"If the welfare of the prisoners and the calls of humanity did not demand the best thought of men whom the is never dead; and so we take our hats off to the man who is ahead. Judge

problem would still demand that the prisons be made productive. We are paying too much to be governed. We are not getting our money's worth. With the tax commission at one end boasting valuations upon which the tax rate is assessed and the state institutions at the other end clamoring for a higher rate upon the higher valuation, taxes in Michigan generally and in some cities of Michigan particularly are getting dangerously near the line of grand larceny."

"I sincerely hope that the prisons in order to meet the devious exigencies of politics may not be forced to join the mendicant army of tax-grabbers as they have in New York and Illinois. The price of the tax-grabber of the twentieth century is getting too hot. It is time to call a halt before the widow's cottage and the orphan's trust funds are seized and sold for taxes."

Mother's Influence in a Home.

The home, the school and the church are the three great factors that mold the character of the child, and the home stands first.

At home every human being receives his best moral training or the worst. It is in the home that the child builds character and imbibes those principles of conduct which causes only with life. A home in which ideal home life is fostered is one of the greatest and sublimest institutions of man. It is that which promotes the fundamental doctrine of national growth and progress and it is in every respect a symbol for which a healthy, happy, prosperous and moral life of the individual stands.

The duties of the mother are unquestionably among the greatest in the bringing up of the family. Her influence upon her family has a powerful action upon the welfare of future generations as all other earthly causes combined.

Many a mother has oftentimes been the guardian and savior of her family. She has brought up her sons to industry and her daughters to virtue. In her old age she has reaped a rich reward for all her toil in the affections of her greatful children. She has struggled in tears and disengaged for many weary years and has filled her heart with joy in witnessing the blessed results of her fidelity.

When then, should a mother's influence be so potent in its character over her family? It is largely because the child in its infancy is brought up under the tender care of the mother when the child is so richly endowed with the perspective facilities. The child

sees, does, thinks, forms ideas and combines these ideas into forms that will make them active and effective in actions. A mother's character is a measure of her influence and she can

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The Fate of Old Boots

What becomes of old boots and shoes has been almost as puzzling a problem as where all the old pins go to. The solution, however, is given in today's issue of the "Boot and Shoe Trades Journal."

"Old boots and shoes of leather," the Journal says, "are cut up into small pieces, and then are put for two days into chloride of sodium, the effect of which is to make the leather very hard and brittle."

When this is fully effected, the material is withdrawn in the action of the chloride of sodium, washed with water, dried and made into powder, it is then mixed with some substance that will cause it to adhere together, such as shellac or other resinous material, or even good glue and a good solution of steam gum.

It is afterwards pressed into mold to form combs, buttons and a variety of other useful objects.

Material of leather is also made out of old leather. It is heated with pearl-ash and olive-hoops in a large pot; the nitrogen and carbon form cyanogen, and then unite with the iron and potassium. The soluble portions are dissolved out, and the resulting salt, added to one of iron, produces the well-known Prussian blue, either for dyeing purposes or as a pigment," Linton expels.

The Editor's Needs.

"The delights of glob-trotting" are many and varied, says Mr. Burton Holmes, the well known author, lecturer and traveler, "but perhaps the most amusing five minutes of my last year's wanderings were passed on the Pacific Coast early last winter. I stopped for lunch in a small town in California and picked up a paper from a North Dakota town which contained the following editorial paragraphs:

"It is reported that one of the faddish newly-married ladies of Harvey, North Dakota, kneads bread with her gloves on. The incident may be somewhat peculiar, but there are others. The editor of this paper needs bread with his shoes on; he needs bread with his shirt on; he needs bread with his pants on; and unless some of the delinquent subscribers of this 'Old Ray of Freedom' pay up before long, he will need bread without a thing on and North Dakota Garden of Eden in winter time."

"I may add," says Mr. Holmes, "that this argument holds good all over the world."

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PAPERS BY THE PEOPLE

JUSTICE THE NEED OF THE HOUR.

By Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis.

Among the dark problems of life we must make a place for the injustice that noble men sometimes suffer. Long ago Jerusalem, crucified its Saviour, Athens poisoned its master, Florence burned its hero; but today every town and village holds at least one martyr to cruel and unjust judgments.

One is a world in which the clerk suffers in the financial failure of his employer; where the officeholder is ruined by the political mistakes of the party leader; where the child is destroyed by the sins of the father. Employers sometimes suffer grievously by reason of economic events over which they have no control; sometimes the citizen suffers through the sensational press; sometimes the author or editor suffers through cruel criticism over events for whose evil consequences he is in no wise responsible. This problem of unjust judgment and the bearing of injustice in silence is one of the hardest problems that man experiences. Injustice public men have to endure in silence.

The need of the hour is for justice and truth in judgment. The full facts are perhaps never before any of us. Not in general men are far better than they are believed to be. The good in the world outweighs the ill. The prophet saw man as part gold and part clay, but the proportion of gold is more and more and the clay is less and less. The world has had too many teachers poisoned unjustly. Too many reformers martyred without cause. Too many heroes who are victims of malignity, jealousy and hate. There is too much good in the worst men and too much bad in the best men to leave any place for injustice, harshness or cruelty.

THE MATTER OF FIRE INSURANCE.

By P. W. Fitzpatrick.

Since 1860 we have paid in insurance premiums \$3,622,000,000, or just in the last ten years, \$1,610,850,000. In 1905 we carried into the insurance companies over \$190,000,000 in premiums and got back in paid losses the sum of \$95,000,000, which was supposed to console us for the loss of about \$50,000,000 in smoke and fury that much more for fire departments and other alleged "protection." Sir Francis Bacon offers the latest illustration of how much insurance really does protect. Property to the value of fully \$350,000,000 was destroyed; the city and country suffered a business loss by the fire in that city of nearly a billion dollars; it will take at least \$12,000,000 to clean up the city, and undoubtedly \$100,000,000 and twenty years' time to rebuild it. For all of that terrible loss and cost the citizens will receive from the insurance

companies \$182,000,000, a goodly portion of which sum they themselves contributed.

It is late in the day, but at last people are beginning to learn that of all "insurance" the best is to build properly in the first place, to construct so that internal fires or conflagrations can inflict but the minimum of damage. And it can be done so easily and at such slight additional cost above that of the most hasty construction. For instance, the Board of Underwriters laboratory in Chicago, the most perfectly fireproof building in the country, with all the "trills" and accessories that we have been clamoring for years to make buildings more thoroughly proof against fire, and, in spite of all that, it has cost but a trifle over 10 per cent more than if it had been built in the usual shoddy way. Considering its longevity, freedom from repairs, and the elimination of insurance, or, at least, the payment of heavy premiums, and that building within a few years of its erection means an actual and great economy to the individual, and from the day of its completion a godsend to the community.

PURE FOOD IS GREAT TRIUMPH.

By P. M. Hanney.

Well and properly administered, the new food law cannot fail to work an immense improvement in the condition of the general population, to elevate and dignify the tone of the nation. It is indeed high time for it to come, for serious and pressing is the need of it. If there is one thing in the world that needs looking after and repairing it is the American stomach. It has long been the most abused and outraged of organs, with the result that we have almost become a nation of dyspeptics. It has been the victim of legalized wholesale poisoners before whom the Borgias of Italy and all other infamous toxicologists of history fade into utter insignificance. There is no more ominous and appalling sight in the world than the innumerable red lights that flash from the drug stores of American cities; they are the danger signals that tell every citizen of the continual menace to health and life that lurks in his daily food.

The world keeps moving, and the march of science and civilization goes on over shams, frauds, and humbugs of every kind. Without reviving the days when every man smoked his own bacon and grew his own cabbage, we are getting so that every man may obtain genuine and wholesome diet, be carnivorous or vegetarian, that every man may know what he is eating, even if he be newly-married and his wife does the cooking. The era of the wooden nutmeg is gone, the era of the painted strawberry is gone. The clouds of gastronomic doubt and danger drift away behind; the sun of health and digestion glows in front; and soon, according to the signs, we may reach the happy period when the food color artists cease from troubling and the adulterators are at rest.

GOLD MINING IN SIBERIA.



SIBERIAN PEASANTS WORKING THEIR OWN MINE.

Siberia is phenomenally rich in the precious metals and has developed a system of mining peculiarly its own. A curious feature is the way the ground is prospected and opened up by the peasant "tributaries," as they are called. Permission is readily granted to sink shafts wherever they like, subject to the conditions that they can only go down as far as water-level, usually about sixty feet, and that all the quartz extracted must be treated at the mill of the ground landlord, and all gold extracted sold to him at a rate previously determined upon, leaving an ample sum for the peasant and an extra good one for the landlord. There is no philanthropy about the transaction, and the peasant is in no way bound to accept the terms. No charge whatever is made for the use of shafts. The field is thus practically developed for nothing—rich reefs which would probably remain undiscovered are opened by up "tributaries," who frequently make fortunes out of rich strikes. The mine owner is thus continually in touch with all that is going on, and duly records the results of the operations for his own benefit. In the mining operations women as well as men do their share of the work.

NOVEL CURES FOR SNORING.

Case of Offending Policeman Suggests Remedies for Disease.

Very many of our readers will be interested in the ultimate fate of the unfortunate snoring policeman who has been banished from his fellow sleepers and cast at night in sound-proof quarters. Perhaps the dreadful infamy, now that it has the official recognition of his superiors, may call for some suitable scientific treatment. If so the great army of smokers can covertly watch the outcome with all the cunning and complacency of undiscovered transgressors.

We are glad we can make the start with a perfectly fair case, for conviction of the nuisance is always most difficult to obtain. The culprit must be caught with the shore on him and in the presence of reliable eye-witnesses. No one has ever been known to acknowledge his fault voluntarily. On the contrary, one of the surest signs of the confirmed malady is his persistent denial of its existence. He is not satisfied to plead lack of premeditation and absence of accountability, but openly impugns the motives of his clamorous accusers. The worst of it is that on all other matters he is perfectly reasonable. This makes it extremely difficult to obtain his consent for treatment of any sort.

We speak now of smokers as a class. The only easy way is to tackle them when they cannot resist. There are various approved methods not only ingenious but effective for temporarily quieting the garrulous, rasping and vibrating respiratory spasms. The most popular, perhaps, is the elbow thrust to the ribs. Next comes the gentle pinch of the nose, whereby part of the nasal current is shut off. Some have advised that the nose be clasped by a soother even before retiring, but unfortunately the subject of the experiment almost invariably dumfucks. Others have recommended sitting on the chest. This is rather a hazardous procedure for both parties, and so also is a temporary twist of the windpipe, un-

less performed by skilful manipulator. But no matter what is done the disease is well known to recur indefinitely.

In most instances death appears to be the only common relief for the peace disturber and his surviving relatives. The poor policeman for the present can be safe in his cupola, but how long remains to be seen. Twice last summer the place was struck by lightning. The main hope now is that man and cupola may both alter their habits before it is too late. Meanwhile the neighborhood must plug its ears and wait. —New York Herald.

NEW STAR ON THE FLAG.



The War Department has ordered

the alteration of the flag made necessary by the admission of Oklahoma into the Union, now an aggregation of forty-six States. The department has also fixed on the spot for the new star, and now flagmakers are hard at work preparing new banners with an additional star in the lower-right-hand corner. It is now in order for every patriotic American either to provide himself with a new flag or to add a star to the old one.

Each Willing to Wed.

Maiden lady (rescued from drowning by her rescuer)—How can I ever know you, noble young man? Are you married?

"No; I have yonder pretty daughter!"—Megendorfer Blaetter.

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RESCUER LOSES LIFE

WOMAN DIES WITH CHILDREN SHE TRIES TO SAVE.

Quadrope Tragedy Occurs in Creek at Entrance to Delaware Park, Buffalo—Largest Fullers Earth Factory in World—News—Mobile.

Miss William H. Drummer sacrificed her life in a vain effort to rescue three children, all four drowning together in Scajaquada creek at the Elmwood avenue entrance to Delaware Park, in Buffalo. The dead are: Mrs. William H. Drummer, 28 years old; Anthony Beller, 13 years old; Richard Beller, 12 years old, Anthony's brother; Ruth Drummer, 14 years old, Mrs. Drummer's stepdaughter. Mrs. Drummer, with several children, was walking on the log toward Delaware Park. At the Elmwood avenue viaduct over the creek the ice suddenly gave way under Ruth and the two Bellers, throwing them into the water. Mrs. Drummer was about twenty feet away with her twelve-year-old son, Walter. She ran to the rescue of the three children. In her efforts to save them she broke through the ice, and little Walter, who had followed after his mother, fell in after her. Walter clung to the edge of the ice and was rescued.

BIG PLANT BEING CONSTRUCTED.

Largest Fuller's Earth Factory in the World Under Way at Mobile.

The largest fuller's earth plant in the world is to be erected within twelve miles of Mobile, Ala., and upon the only deposit of the standard grade mineral so far discovered in the United States. The first step was begun the other day when the steamer Oriole left the St. Michael street docks in Mobile towing a barge with machinery for the plant. A. J. Merrick, manager of the Standard Reduction Company of Chicago, which owns the property, was in charge of the negotiations and will superintend construction. Mr. Merrick stated that the Standard Reduction Company had awarded a contract for the construction of a \$10,000,000 plant.

KINSHIP Mother Is Sister.

Mrs. J. Oscar Richardson, wife of a stationary engineer, rushed between her son and husband in the act of a peace-making at their home in Rosedale, Kan., and was stabbed to the heart by Richardson. The couple had been quarreling when the son interposed, taking the mother's part. Richardson then attacked the son with a knife, when the mother interceded.

Minnesota River Overflows.

Floods caused by the rising of the Root river are causing havoc in south-central Minnesota. Hundreds of tons of hay stored on bottom lands have been ruined, and farmers are moving their stock to places of safety. The river is flowing through the streets of Houston, all roads in the valley are inundated, and rural mail carriers have been compelled to cease work.

Shoots Girl Kills Himself.

Emerson Mische, aged 20, went to the home of his sweetheart, Julia Archer, aged 16, called her to the front, drew his gun about her neck and shot her in the left temple. He then walked away a few steps and blew out his own brains. They lived at Clark'sburg, a few miles from Pomeroy, Ohio.

Terrorists Kill and Rob.

The postoffice in Wyslobok, Warsaw, Russian Poland, was attacked at noon the other day by a band of terrorists who shot and killed the postmaster, two postal clerks and two soldiers guarding the office and wounded a score of bystanders. The terrorists robbed the safe of cash and stamps and escaped in cabs.

Finds \$175,000 Returns It.

Sutro Bros. & Co., the New York stock exchange house which reported the loss of stocks valued at \$175,000 by one of its messengers, has recovered the securities intact. A man whose name is not given, picked up the package of stocks on the street and restored them to the brokers.

James Alexander Kirk Dead.

James Alexander Kirk, a planer of Chicago, president of the James S. Kirk & Co., soap manufacturers, died of heart disease at his home in Hartford, Wis., at the age of 67 years.

Danne Receives Second Nomination.

Major Edward F. Danne has been nominated by acclamation by the Democratic city convention on the most radical platform ever produced by that party in Chicago.

Injured in Church Panic.

More than a score of persons were injured in a panic in the Roman Catholic Church of Santa Maria Addolorata, in Chicago.

Queen's Consort Dies.

Prince Henry of the Netherlands led lifeboatmen and helped rescue eleven persons from the wreck of the steamer Berlin at the Hook of Holland.

Bishop Fitzgerald Is Dead.

Bishop Edward Fitzgerald, Catholic Bishop of Little Rock diocese, died at St. Joseph's Infirmary in Hot Springs, Ark.

Three Children Burned to Death.

The three children of Charles Watkins were burned to death in a fire which partially destroyed their home in Baltimore.

False Alarm About Roosevelt.

An attempt to kill President Roosevelt at Boston was foiled when an admirer threw a gift to the President. Mr. Roosevelt visited his son in a school near Boston, and then returned to Washington.

Maskers—\$50,000 Fire.

In Muskegon, Ind., the Gilkeson Building, occupied by the Fair Monte Carlo Company and real estate and professional men, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$50,000, more than half covered by insurance.

Shays on Bigamy Charge.

In a frenzy of anger because his wife had accused him of being a bigamist, William Krueger of Newark, N. J., shot and killed her seriously wounded Mrs. Sebina Boice, the wife of his adopted son, and then shot himself. He probably will die, but Mrs. Boice is expected to recover.

Politician Ends His Life.

Harry P. Crowell, former councilman and well-known politician of Philadelphia, committed suicide by inhaling illuminant gas in his apartment. Crowell was once wealthy, but in late years met financial reverses.

SHEA IS ACQUITTED.

Chicago Teamsters' Boss and Associates Found Not Guilty. Cornelius P. Shea and his ten associates in the teamsters' union were acquitted of the charge of conspiracy; thus bringing to a close the longest and most remarkable labor legal battle ever waged in Chicago. The jury was out only two hours before reaching a verdict. The trial has cost Cook county over \$75,000.

Judge Kavanaugh cautioned the jurors against placing too much weight on the testimony of Albert Young, William Kelly and the other defendants who turned State's evidence, unless they were satisfied the testimony had been corroborated by other witnesses. He also told them

MANY DIE IN WRECK.

DISASTER ON THE COAST OF HOLLAND.

English Steamer Berlin Driven Ashore by Gale, Strikes Sandbank Near Hook of Holland, Breaks in Two and Sinks Immediately.

A disastrous steamship wreck attended with great loss of life, occurred Thursday off the Hook of Holland, when the Great Eastern Railway Company's steamer Berlin, bound from Harwich, England, to the Hook of Holland, was lost. Of those on board, 141 persons in all, of whom ninety-one were passengers, all but one were drowned. The wreck occurred off the north pier of the Hook of Holland.

The agents of the wrecked steamer say that although they are not positive regarding the numbers, they believe the vessel carried 120 passengers and a crew of sixty officers and men.

The wreck occurred at 6 o'clock in the morning, during a terrific southwesterly gale. The steamer struck the north jetty, while trying to enter the new waterway at the Hook of Holland. She broke in two, the forward part immediately sinking, while the passengers and crew gathered on the stern, where they valiantly attempted to use the lifeboats.

The Berlin left Harwich at 10 o'clock Wednesday night, upon the arrival thereof of the London train with the greater number of passengers who subsequently lost their lives. The steamer should have reached the Hook of Holland at 6 o'clock Thursday morning and would have then proceeded for Rotterdam.

A great gale was blowing in the North Sea when the Berlin started. As the Berlin was entering the waterway at the entrance of the River Maas, however, she apparently became unmanageable on account of the force of the wind and was driven ashore.

The alarm was given and lifeboats from the shore went to the assistance of the steamer Berlin, but the seas were so heavy that the boats were unable to approach the Berlin close enough to take off any of the passengers or crew and the lifeboat men had to sit helpless while the steamer pound-

WHAT MAY HAVE CAUSED THE SPOT ON THE SUN.



—Chicago Inter Ocean.

picketing was not unlawful and that unless they were satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendants were responsible for the acts of violence committed during the strike they should not vote for conviction.

Shea declared after the verdict that he considered it a victory for union labor, as he had from the first contended that the suit was aimed against labor unions engaging in sympathetic strikes, rather than against the particular defendants.

TRAGEDY IN CHICAGO.

Wife of Millionaire Ends Love Atrocity by Committing Suicide.

Mrs. Flora McDonald, wife of millionaire Michael C. McDonald, the former gambling king and big politician in Chicago, closed an anti-christian love affair Thursday with murdering the object of her affection, Webster S. Givens, a well-known portrait artist. Ten minutes clang between the instant when the shot was fired and the crash of glass falling in the ball of the Omaha building, which followed the attempt of the unidentified woman to pierce herself through the door to escape from the room of death. Taken to a police station in a condition of hysteria, she speedily grew worse, and physicians pronounced her insane. Following the killing, McDonald, husband of the woman, declared that he would spend every cent he owns in his defense.

As a result of the tragedy, Chicago is to have a trial that will rival in interest the famous Thaw case. A woman will be the defendant. Her own husband will stand by her, which reverses the characters from those in the Thaw case, but the human motives of love and jealousy are the same.

Archibald Guerin, brother of the murdered man who must be the chief witness in the hearing, was a member of the theatrical company in which Evelyn Nesbit made her first appearance. "The Wild Rose" and also with him one of the chief witnesses in the trial of Will J. Davis for his responsibility in the Iroquois theater horror. He was chief usher in the playhouse at the time.

The alarm was given and lifeboats

from the shore went to the assistance of the steamer Berlin, but the seas were so heavy that the boats were unable to approach the Berlin close enough to take off any of the passengers or crew and the lifeboat men had to sit helpless while the steamer pound-

ed, until she broke in two and every soul on board was carried down. The steamer apparently struck about midships, as her forepart broke off and sank immediately, while her afterpart could be seen for a considerable period of time afterward.

The waterway in which the disaster occurred is a new one on the north side of which is the pier and railroad station. The steamer must have been within a few minutes of tying up after her rough passage across the North Sea when she was overtaken by the disaster. Lund was but a few yards away and except in the roughest weather those on board the Berlin could have been rescued without difficulty, especially as the waterway is navigable all the time.

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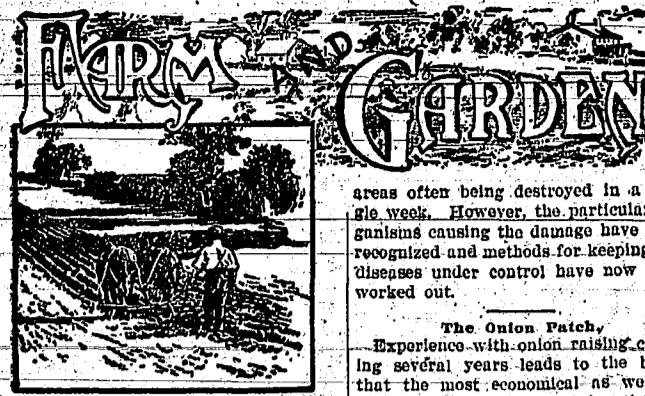
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WHY WAR WAS LOST.

Kouroukin Blames His Generals for Blunders in Every Crisis.
General Kouroukin's "History of the Russo-Japanese War," which was confiscated by the Russian government, has at last become accessible, despite the most extreme precautions to prevent this galling "official" indictment from reaching the public.

As the commander-in-chief of the Russian armies in this encounter he claims he was hampered by the clique in St. Petersburg which insisted on their own plans being followed though they were 3,000 miles away from the firing line and not well posted as to the movements of the enemy until after the movement of the Japanese with their soldiers.

Kouroukin says the Russians were poorly prepared for war, in armament, food and medicines, they were deficient. Then the source of supply, the Siberian railroad, was totally inadequate to the needs of the army. Instead of the war department moving twelve trains a day four were more often the number and some days only one or two. And this for a host at one time numbered 800,000. On the other hand the Japanese were in perfect condition for fighting when hostilities began and thus

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The Onion Patch.
Experience with onion raising covering several years leads to the belief that the most economical as well as the most satisfactory preparation of land for the crop consists in a summer fallowing of the piece of land to be used the season before one wishes to raise the onion crop. This should consist of successive plowings and diskings which will result in bringing the surface germinating and killing just as much of the seed in the soil as possible. The decrease in the cost of weeding coupled with the satisfaction of having the crop in a clean condition will pay for the rental of the land three times over. A fine clover meadow which was remarkably free from weeds last season and the second crop on which was plowed under last September now shows no end of pigeon grass, which must have lain dormant through last year, the presence of which will largely increase the cost of weeding. If the piece of land selected for the onion patch is not known to be reasonably free from weed seeds the plan of summer fallowing will be found by far the most satisfactory.

The Right Kind of Cows.

Many breeders of dairy cattle have not fully grasped the height and the depth and breadth of their profession. There are too many who think it is simply the reproduction of pedigree live stock. It is more than that. It is the bringing together in one animal of the canine milk producer and the mother animal of a strong, vigorous calf. Mr. Scudder, a very successful breeder, says: "In my estimation, a profitable cow is one that can produce year after year a maximum yield of butter at a cost that represents a good profit to the owner. She must also produce one healthy calf each year. This ought to be one of the requisites of the sire which is to head the herd. See to it that he is from a productive strain of regular breeders. He will intensify his weak points, as well as reproduce his good qualities in breeding. He ought to be as nearly perfect in dairy conformation and dairy makeup as possible. With all the care we may exercise in the mating of our animals, some faulty ones are sure to develop. We must figure on that. If we have looked well to this end, to see that the sire is right and that the dams we are to use for foundation are right, we have gone a long way toward developing the profitable cow." —Blood.

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celerity with which they moved men, food, ordnance, ammunition and horses to strategic points was unequalled since the great Napoleon's time. With this advantage was coupled a dash and dash to which the Russians are strangers and which added immensely to the morale of the Asiatic soldiers. Their superior intelligence also counted at every shift in the field. The marksmanship of the Japanese was wonderful and their utter disregard of death another attribute.

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Hog Houses.

According to the results obtained by three years of experience on forty farms in Minnesota, farm-labor costs about twelve cents an hour and a half, including taxes and a half cents. A farm-laborer can be honored for \$12 a year and a horse kept for about \$80. Hay can be produced for 9½ cents and grain for three-fourths of the cost of raising corn.

Corn is low in price some years in certain localities. It is possible that next season there may be but half a crop, but the excess over that required for consumption may bring good prices. Farmers who have too much grain on hand, with prices ruling low, should endeavor to increase the number of animals on the farm in order to convert the corn into something more valuable.

One of the best locations for a garden is the strawberry bed that has been abandoned. The strawberry beds are usually well-manured and carefully cultivated, while the shading of the soil by the plants contributes to the formation of humus. An excellent plan to treat the bed for a garden is to apply plenty of well-rotted manure now, if it can be done, and then plow the bed in the spring, working the top soil fine with a harrow and rake.

It is a mighty good policy to always have some floating capital on hand. Many men have gone bankrupt in their business operations just because they didn't have a little cash on hand to help them out in a pinch. There is an reason why the farmer, as well as any other business man, shouldn't be thus prepared to ride over a period when receipts run low. There is nothing that makes us more anxious than to see our reserve fund running low. Plan to have something coming in every month.

Birds' "Devour" Scale Insects.

Few kinds of insects are so injurious to the health and existence of fruit trees and other crop plants as the scales, and, owing to their small size and peculiar habits, few are so difficult to cope with. It has been generally supposed that birds lend no assistance in the destruction of scales. This proves to be an error for the Biological Survey has already found that more than fifty species of birds eat scale insects. Not only is this true, but in the case of certain species, as the goshawk, scales have been ascertained to form a large percentage of the food.

Ginseng Crop in Missouri.

According to a Missouri Experiment Station bulletin, the cultivation of ginseng for the Chinese market has become an important industry, notwithstanding the fact that it takes five or six years to mature a crop. While the crop is exceptionally valuable, the cultivation of ginseng has been found to possess disadvantages the same as most other cultivated crops.

It appears that several fungus diseases have broken out in the ginseng plantations, some of which are extremely serious and infectious, large

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GRATLING, MICHIGAN.

RESCUER LOSES LIFE

WOMAN DIES WITH CHILDREN SHE TRIES TO SAVE

Quadruple Tragedy Occurs in Creek at Entrance to Delaware Park, Buffalo—Largest Fuller's Earth Factory in World Now in Operation.

Mrs. William H. Drummer sacrificed her life in a vain effort to rescue three children, all four drowning together in Scagajuda creek, at the Elmwood avenue entrance to Delaware Park, in Buffalo. The dead are: Mrs. William H. Drummer, 28 years old; Anthony Belter, 13 years old; Richard Belter, 12 years old; Anthony's brother, Ruth Drummer, 14 years old. Mrs. Drummer's stepdaughter, Mrs. Drummer, with several children, was walking on the ice toward Delaware Park. At the Elmwood avenue viaduct over the creek the ice suddenly gave way under Ruth and the two Belter boys, throwing them into the water. Mrs. Drummer was about twenty feet away with her 4-year-old son, Walter. She ran to the rescue of the three children. In her efforts to save them she broke through the ice, and little Walter, who had followed after his mother, fell in after her. Walter clung to the edge of the ice and was rescued.

BIG PLANT BEING CONSTRUCTED

Largest Fuller's Earth Factory in the World Under Way at Mobile.

The largest fuller's earth plant in the world is to be erected within twelve miles of Mobile, Ala., and upon the only deposit of the standard grade mineral so far discovered in the United States. The first step was begun the other day when the steamer Oriole left the St. Michael street docks in Mobile towing a barge with machinery for the plant. A. B. Merrick, manager of the Standard Reduction Company of Chicago, which owns the deposit, was in charge of the machinery and will superintend construction. Mr. Merrick stated that the Standard Reduction Company had awarded a contract for the construction of a \$100,000 plant.

KRISAN Mother Is Slain. — Mrs. J. Oscar Richardson, wife of a stationary engineer, rushed between her son and husband in the act of committing suicide at their home in Rosedale, Kansas, and stabbed to the heart by Richardson. The couple had been quarreling when the son interposed, taking the mother's part. Richardson then attacked son with a knife, when the mother interceded.

MINNESOTA River Overflows.

Floods caused by the rising of the Red river are causing havoc in southeastern Minnesota. Hundreds of tons of hay stored on barns have been ruined, and farmers are moving their stock to places of safety. The river is flowing through the streets of Houston. All roads in the valley are inundated, and rural mail carriers have been compelled to cease work.

Shoots Girl Kills Husband. — Emerson Misner, 31, of 207½ W. 18th home of his bride, Mrs. A. A. Misner, aged 16, shot her husband, 31, in the heart, threw his arms about her neck and shot her in the left temple. He then walked away a few steps and blew out his own brains. This occurred at Cook's Chapel, a few miles from Dayton, Ohio.

Terrible Kill and Riot.

The postoffice in Whistler street, Warsaw, Russian Empire, was attacked at noon the other day by a band of terrorists, who shot and killed the postmaster, two postal clerks and two soldiers guarding the office and wounded a score of bystanders. The terrorists robbed the safe of cash and stamps and escaped in cab.

Finds \$175,000 Returns It.

Sutro Bros. & Co., the New York stock exchange house which recovered the loss of stocks valued at \$175,000 by one of its messengers, has recovered the securities intact. A man, whose name is not given, picked up the package of stocks on the street and restored them to the brokers.

James Alexander Kirk Dead. — James Alexander Kirk, a pioneer of Chicago, president of the James S. Kirk & Co. soap manufacturers, died of heart disease at his home in Hartford, Wis., at the age of 67 years.

Donne Receives Second Nomination.

Major Edward F. Dunn has been re-nominated by delegation by the Democratic city convention on the most radical platform ever produced by that party in Chicago.

Injured in Church Panic.

More than a score of persons were injured in a panic in the Roman Catholic church of Santa Maria Addolorato, in Chicago.

Queen's Consort a Her.

Prince Henry of the Netherlands led lifeboatmen and helped rescue eleven persons from the wreck of the steamer Berlin at the Hook of Holland.

Bishop Fitzgerald Is Dead.

Bishop Edward Fitzgerald, Catholic bishop of Little Rock diocese, died at St. Joseph's infirmary in Hot Springs, Ark.

Three Children Burned to Death.

The three children of Charles Watkins were burned to death in a fire which partially destroyed their home in Baltimore.

False Alarm About Roberts.

An attempt to kill President Roosevelt at Boston was feared when an admirer threw a gift to the President. Mr. Roosevelt visited his son in a school near Boston, and then returned to Washington.

Monkogee Has \$80,000 Fire.

In Muskogee, Ind., the Gulferton Building, occupied by the Fair-Mercantile Company and real estate and professional men, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$80,000, more than half covered by insurance.

Stars on Bigamy Charge.

In a frenzy of anger because his wife had accused him of being a bigamist, William Krueger of Newark, N. J., shot and killed her, seriously wounded Mrs. Sabina Boice, the wife of his adopted son, and then shot himself. He probably will die, but Mrs. Boice is expected to recover.

Politician Ends His Life.

Harry P. Crowell, former councilman and well-known politician of Philadelphia, committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas in his apartment. Crowell was once wealthy, but in late years met financial reverses.

SHEA IS ACQUITTED.

Chicago Teamsters' Boss and Associates Found Not Guilty. — Cornelius P. Shea and his ten associates in the teamsters' union were acquitted of the charge of conspiracy, thus bringing to a close the longest and most remarkable labor legal battle ever waged in Chicago. The jury was out only two hours before reaching a verdict. The trial has cost Cook county over \$75,000.

Judge Kavanaugh cautioned the jurors against placing too much weight on the testimony of Albert Young, William Kelly and the other defendants who turned State's evidence, unless they were satisfied the testimony had been corroborated by other witnesses. He also told them

A disastrous steamship wreck attended with great loss of life, occurred Thursday off the Hook of Holland, when the Great Eastern Railway Company's steamer Berlin, bound from Harwich, England, to the Hook of Holland, was lost. Of those on board, 141 persons in all, of whom ninety-one were passengers, all but one were drowned. The wreck occurred off the north pier of the Hook of Holland.

The agents of the wrecked steamer say that although they are not positive regarding the numbers, they believe the vessel carried 120 passengers and a crew of sixty officers and men.

The wreck occurred at 6 o'clock in the morning, during a terrific southwesterly gale. The steamer struck the north pier, while trying to enter the new waterway at the Hook of Holland. She broke in two, the forward part immediately sinking, while the passengers and crew gathered on the stern, where they vainly attempted to use the life-boats.

The Berlin left Harwich at 10 o'clock Wednesday night upon the arrival there of the London train with the greatest number of passengers who subsequently lost their lives. The steamer should have reached the Hook of Holland at 6 o'clock Thursday morning and would have then proceeded for Rotterdam.

A great gale was blowing in the North Sea when the Berlin started. As the Berlin was entering the waterway at the entrance of the River Maas, however, she apparently became unmanageable on account of the force of the wind and was driven ashore.

The alarm was given and life-boats from the shore went to the assistance of the stricken steamer, but the seas were so heavy, that the boats were unable to approach the Berlin close enough to take off any of the passengers or crew and the lifeboat men had to sit helpless while the steamer pounded

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No farmer makes money in raising inferior horses.

Uniformity in the size of eggs can best be obtained by keeping one standard breed of hens.

Good wool is not produced by sheep that are starved and fed alternately.

Evenness of wool depends upon evenness of condition of the sheep.

It is not the cow that eats the most or the cow that eats the least that is the best cow, but the cow that makes the best use of what she does eat.

It is not good policy to force the growth of colts by giving them stimulants and overfeeding them. The overgrown horse is seldom a durable one.

In studying to increase the number of bushels of grain raised, study also to increase the number of pounds of butter made per cow. The number of pounds over 120 per year are the ones that help your bank account.

"Keeping the Fences Tight" would make a good text for a sermon to many farm congregations. If there is anything that is aggravating it is to chase after stock that has broken through fences. Such a thing is sure to happen when you are the least prepared for it.

In scriptural times the Wise Men lived in the East; but that's not true to-day. Farmers of the West are wiser in their day and generation than those in the East; they know enough not to deplete the fertility supply in their soils.

The farmer now has available a library of 92,000 of books, pamphlets and periodicals relating to agricultural science. At the rate of 5,000 additions during the year, the Department of Agriculture will soon have the most complete collection of this class of literature in the world.

For ten years many farmers are finding that entombed oats, cut when the grain is in the rather soft dough (milky) state, and cut fine with a stalk cutter, are better than meadow hay, cut equally fine, to feed cattle, especially milch cows. As a rule, good farmers raise far more weight of oats to the acre than of hay.

According to the results obtained by three years of experience on forty farms in Minnesota, farm labor costs about twelve cents an hour and horse labor about seven and a half cents. A team laborer can be boarded for \$1.62 a year and a horse kept for about \$80. Hay can be produced for one-half and oats for three-fourths of the cost of raising corn.

Corn is low in price some years in certain localities. It is possible that next season there may be half a crop, but the excess over that required for consumption may bring good prices. Farmers who have too much grain on hand, with prices ruling low, should endeavor to increase the number of animals on the farm in order to convert the corn into something more salable.

One of the best locations for a garden is the strawberry bed that has been abandoned as strawberry beds are usually well manured and carefully cultivated, while the shading of the soil by the plants conduces to the formation of humus. An excellent plan to treat the bed for a garden is to supply plenty of well-rotted manure now, if it can be done, and then plow the bed in the spring, working the top soil fine with a harrow and rake.

It is a mighty good policy to always have some floating capital on hand. Many men have gone bankrupt in their business operations just because they didn't have a little cash on hand to help them out in a pinch. There is no reason why the farmer, as well as any other business man, shouldn't be thus prepared to tide over a period when receipts run low. There is nothing that makes us more uneasy than to see our reserve fund running low. Plan to have something coming in every month.

Birds Devour Scale Insects.

Few kinds of insects are so injurious to the health and existence of fruit trees and other crop plants as the scales, and owing to their small size and peculiar habits, few are so difficult to cope with. It has been generally supposed that birds lend no assistance in the destruction of scales. This proves to be an error, for the Biological Survey has already found that more than fifty species of birds eat scale insects. Not only is this true, but in the case of certain species, as the grosbeak, scales have been ascertained to form a large percentage of the food.

Ginseng Crop in Missouri.

According to a Missouri Experiment Station bulletin, the cultivation of ginseng for the Chinese market has become an important industry, notwithstanding the fact that it takes five or six years to mature a crop.

While the crop is exceptionally valuable, the cultivation of ginseng has been found to possess disadvantages the same as most other cultivated crops.

It appears that several fungus diseases have broken out in the ginseng plantations, some of which are extremely serious and infectious, large

areas often being destroyed in a single week. However, the particular organisms causing the damage have been recognized and methods for keeping the disease under control have now been worked out.

The Onion Patch.

Experience with onion raising covering several years leads to the belief that the most economical as well as the most satisfactory preparation of land for the crop consists in a summer fallowing of the piece of land to be used the season before one wishes to raise the onion crop. This should consist of successive plowings and discing, which will result in bringing to the surface, germinating and killing just as much of the weed seed in the soil as possible. The decrease in the cost of weeding coupled with the satisfaction of having the crop in a clean condition will pay for the rental of the land three times over. A fine clover meadow which was remarkably free from weeds last season, and the second crop on which was plowed under last September now shows no end of pigeon grass, which must have lain dormant through last year, the presence of which will very largely increase the cost of weeding. If the piece of land selected for the onion patch is not known to be reasonably free from seed weeds the plan of summer fallowing will be found by far the most satisfactory.

The Right Kind of Cows.

Many breeders of dairy cattle have not fully grasped the height and the depth and breadth of their profession. There are too many who think it is simply the reproduction of pedigree live stock. It is more than that. It is the bringing together in one animal of the capable milk producer and the mother animal of a strong, vigorous calf. Mr. Scribner, a very successful breeder, says: "In my estimation, a profitable cow is one that can produce year after year a maximum yield of butter at a cost that represents a good profit to the owner. She must also produce one healthy calf each year. This ought to be one of the requisites of the sire which is to head the herd. See to it that he is from a productive strain of regular breeders. He will intensify his weak points, as well as reproduce his good qualities in breeding. He ought to be as nearly perfect in dairy conformation and dairy makeup as possible. With all the care we may exercise in the rearing of our animals, some faulty ones are sure to develop. We must figure on that. If we have looked well to this end, to see that the sire is right and that the dams we are to use for foundation are right, we have gone a long way toward developing the profitable cow."

Hog Houses.

According to the observations of W. Dietrich, of the Illinois Experiment Station, the following suggestions as to the location and construction of hog houses are given:

A hog house should be located so that it is well drained, well lighted, gives access to pasture, good shade, pure running water and clean mud walls.

"The two principal kinds of hog houses are the individual houses and the large houses with individual pens. Each has its points of advantage.

"For sanitation the building should be constructed so that it is dry, ventilated, free from dust and drafts, and so that the direct rays of the sun fall upon the floor of the pens at the time the winter crop of pigs is farrowed. These rays should also be excluded during the summer.

"The building should be made serviceable by being built so that it can be used every day in the year, and be arranged so that the largest amount of work may be performed with the smallest amount of labor.

"For large houses gates and partitions made of wire are best, because they do not obstruct the light and heat rays from the sun, do not hide the pigs from view of the attendant, nor from each other, and do not furnish lodgment for disease germs.

"The large hog house is operated so that two litters per year are farrowed and grown for market, and so that the pigs are put on the market at the most favorable season."

New Interest in Peat.

With a rapid stripping of the great forest areas of the north and west to supply the enormous lumber trade of the country and a somewhat slower

rate of consumption of the central and southern states, the demand for peat has been greatly increased.

"The wretched train was an hour and a half late and running at full speed when wrecked. The wreck occurred a few minutes before midnight. When the locomotive left the track it tore down telephone and telegraph poles, cutting off all communication for a time.

The cars which went over the embankment lay on their sides in the shallow water of the river. The wrecks occurred at a point nearly a mile from a telegraph office.

It is anticipated that the derailment was caused by the brake rigging coming down under the second car.

By a vote of 4 to 5 the House committee on ways and means decided against the plan to establish a new subtreasury in the Southeastern States.

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Cement Output Increased.

Capitalists have invested in Michigan \$8,000,000 in Portland cement factories, of which seventeen have been erected. According to figures obtained by the State labor bureau, fifteen factories are in operation and the output for 1906 was 4,622,418 barrels, an increase of 1,327,108 barrels over a year ago.

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WHY WAR WAS LOST.

Kouropatkin Blames His Generals for Blunders in Every Crisis.

General Kouropatkin's "History of the Russo-Japanese War," which was confiscated by the Russian government, has at last become necessary, despite the most extreme precautions to prevent this gallant indictment from reaching the public.

As the commander-in-chief of the Russian armies in this encounter he claims he was hampered by the clique in St. Petersburg, which insisted on their own plans being followed, though they were 5,000 miles away from the firing line and not well posted as to the movements of the enemy until disaster played havoc with their soldiers. Kouropatkin says the Russians were poorly prepared for war. In armament, food and medicines they were deficient. Then the source of supply, the Siberian railroad, was totally inadequate to the needs of the army. Instead of the war department moving twelve trains a day, four were more often the number and some days only one or two. And this for a host which at one time numbered 800,000. On the other hand the Japanese were in perfect condition for fighting when hostilities began and the

police.

Boy Likes Police Cell Bed.

Traut Youngster Practices Public Hospitality in Chicago.

Winaus Busch, 10 years old, who left Ypsilanti on Jan. 6 to make his way in the world, slept the other night in the Harrison street police station in Chicago, and he said it was the best place he had to sleep in for more than a week. Busch and William Lang, 17 years old, were schoolmates, and they started out together to seek their fortune. Busch's younger brother, Louis, approved the project, and he wrote several letters of recommendation for Winaus to present to business men throughout the country. One of the letters was addressed to H. B. Alexander, second vice president of the Continental Casualty Company, Chicago. The two boys visited Davenport, Iowa, and Kansas City, Mo. Then Lang started to New Orleans and Busch came to Chicago, where he was picked up by the

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RESCUER LOSES LIFE

WOMAN DIES WITH CHILDREN SHE TRIES TO SAVE.

Quadruple Tragedy Occurs in Creek at Entrance to Delaware Park, Buffalo—Largest Fuller's Earth Factory in World Near Mobile.

Mrs. William H. Drummer sacrificed her life in a vain effort to rescue three children, all four drowning together in Sajagunda creek at the Elmwood avenue entrance to Delaware Park in Buffalo. The dead are: Mrs. William H. Drummer, 28 years old; Anthony Beiter, 13 years old; Richard Beiter, 12 years old; Anthony's brother; Ruth Drummer, 14 years old. Mrs. Drummer's stepdaughter, Mrs. Drummer, with several children, was walking on the ice toward Delaware Park. At the Elmwood avenue viaduct over the creek the ice suddenly gave way under Ruth and the two Beiter boys, throwing them into the water. Mrs. Drummer was about twenty feet away with her 4-year-old son, Walter. She ran to the rescue of the three children. In her efforts to save them she broke through the ice, and little Walter, who had dodged after his mother, fell in after her. Walter clung to the edge of the ice and was rescued.

BIG PLANT BEING CONSTRUCTED.

Largest Fuller's Earth Factory in the World Under Way at Mobile. The largest fuller's earth plant in the world is to be erected within twelve miles of Mobile, Ala., and upon the only deposit of the standard grade mineral so far discovered in the United States. The first step was begun the other day when the steamer Oriole left the St. Michael street docks in Mobile, bearing a large wagon of machinery for the plant. A. H. Merrick, manager of the Standard Reduction Company of Chicago, which owns the deposit, was in charge of the machinery and will superintend construction. Mr. Merrick stated that the Standard Reduction Company had awarded a contract for the construction of a \$100,000 plant.

Kansas Mother Is Slain. Mrs. J. Oscar Richardson, wife of a stationary engineer, rushed between her son and husband in the act of a pounce, at their home in Rosedale, Kan., and was stabbed to the heart by Richardson. The man, a member of the organization when she interfered, taking the mother's part. Richardson then attacked the son with a knife, when the mother interceded.

Minnesota River Overflows.

Floods caused by the rising of the Root river are causing havoc in southeastern Minnesota. Hundreds of tons of hay stored on bottom lands have been ruined, and farmers are moving their stock to places of safety. The river is flowing through the streets of Houston. All roads in the valley are inundated, and rural mail carriers have been compelled to cease work.

Shoots Girl, Kills Himself.

Emerson Miser, aged 20, went to the home of his sweetheart, Julia Archer, aged 16, called her to the front door, threw his arms about her neck and shot her in the left temple. He then walked away a few steps and blew out his own brains. They lived in Cuyahoga Falls, a few miles from Pomeroy, Ohio.

Terrorist Kill and Rob.

The postoffice in Wauhalla street, Warsaw, Russia, Poland, was attacked on noon the other day by a band of terrorists, who shot and killed the postmaster, two postal clerks, and two soldiers guarding the office and wounded a score of bystanders. The terrorists robbed the safe of cash and stamps and escaped in cars.

Finds \$175,000: Returns It.

Sutro Bros. & Co., the New York stock exchange house, which reported the loss of stocks valued at \$175,000 by one of its messengers, has recovered the securities intact. A man, whose name is not given, picked up the package of stocks on the street and restored them to the brokers.

James Alexander Kirk Dead. James Alexander Kirk, a pioneer of Chicago, president of the James S. Kirk & Co. soap manufacturers, died of heart disease at his home in Hartford, Wis., at the age of 67 years.

Business Receives Second Nomination.

Major Edward F. Dunne has been re-nominated by acclamation by the Democratic city convention on the most radical platform ever produced by that party in Chicago.

Injured in Church Parade.

More than a score of persons were injured in a panic in the Roman Catholic Church of Santa Maria Addolorato in Chicago.

Queen's Consort a Heretic.

Prince Henry of the Netherlands led lifeboatmen and helped rescue eleven persons from the wreck of the steamer Berlin at the Hook of Holland.

Bishop Fitzgerald Is Dead.

Bishop Edward Fitzgerald, Catholic bishop of Little Rock diocese, died at St. Joseph's infirmary in Hot Springs, Ark.

Three Children Burned to Death.

The three children of Charles Watkins were burned to death in a fire which partially destroyed their home in Baltimore.

False Alarm About Bonerewell.

An attempt to kill Bonerewell, the man at Boston was foiled when an admirer threw a gift to the President. Mr. Roosevelt visited his son in a school near Boston, and then returned to Washington.

Muskogee Has \$20,000 Fire.

In Muskogee, Ind. T. the Gulliver Building, occupied by the Fair-Mercantile Company and real estate and professional men, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$20,000, more than half covered by insurance.

Slays on Bigamy Charge.

In a frenzy of anger because his wife had accused him of being a bigamist, William Krueger of Newark, N. J., shot and killed her, seriously wounded Mrs. Sabina Bolce, the wife of his adopted son, and then shot himself. He probably will die, but Mrs. Bolce is expected to recover.

Politician Ends His Life.

Harry E. Crowley, former congressman and well-known politician of Philadelphia, committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas in his apartments. Crowley was once wealthy, but in late years not financially solvent.

SHE IS ACQUITTED.

Chicago Teamsters' Boss and Associates Found Not Guilty.

Coriolanus P. She and his ten associates in the teamsters' union were acquitted of the charge of conspiracy; thus bringing to a close the longest and most remarkable labor legal battle ever waged in Chicago. The jury was out only two hours before reaching a verdict. The trial has cost Cook county over \$75,000.

Judge Kavanaugh cautioned the jurors against placing too much weight on the testimony of Albert Young, William Kelly and the other defendants who turned State's evidence, unless they were satisfied the testimony had been corroborated by other witnesses. He also told them

that the agents of the wrecked steamer

say that although they are not positive

regarding the numbers, they believe

the vessel carried 120 passengers and a

crew of sixty officers and men.

The wreck occurred at 6 o'clock in the morning, during a terrific southwesterly gale. The steamer struck the north jetty, while trying to enter the new waterway at the Hook of Holland. She broke in two, the forward part immediately sinking, while the passengers and crew gathered on the stern, where they vainly attempted to use the life-boat.

The Berlin left Harwich at 10 o'clock Wednesday night, upon the arrival there of the London train with the greater number of passengers who subsequently lost their lives. The steamer should have reached the Hook of Holland at 6 o'clock Thursday morning and would have then proceeded for Rotterdam.

A great gale was blowing in the North Sea when the Berlin started. As the Berlin was entering the waterway at the entrance of the River Maas, however, she apparently became unmanageable on account of the force of the wind and was driven ashore.

The alarm was given and lifeboats from the shore went to the assistance of the stricken steamer, but the seas were so heavy that the boats were unable to approach the Berlin closely enough to take off any of the passengers or crew and the lifeboat men had

to sit helpless while the steamer found

the instant when the shot was fired and the crash of glass falling in the hall of the Quahua building, which followed the attempt of the maddened woman to plunge headfirst through the door to escape from the room of death. Taken to a police station in a condition of hysteria, she speedily grew worse, and physicians pronounced her insane. Following the killing, McDonald, husband of the woman, declared that she would spend every cent he owns in her defense.

Wife of Millionaire Ends Love Affair by Committing Murder.

Mrs. Flora McDonald, wife of millionaire Michael C. McDonald, the former gambling king and big politician in Chicago, closed up a clandestine love affair Thursday with the husband of the object of her affections, Webster S. Guerin, a well-known portrait artist. Ten minutes apart between the instant when the shot was fired and the crash of glass falling in the hall of the Quahua building, which followed the attempt of the maddened woman to reverse her reverses, the characters from those in the Thaw case, but the human motives of love and jealousy are the same.

Archibald Guerin, brother of the man

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The Snitzen Party

(A Pennsylvania-Dutch Story)

By Sara Ellinaker Ambler.

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Leah Lapp had been busy fixing up the winter kitchen ever since the early dinner hour of half-past ten for the special occasion of the snitzen party for her 17-year-old daughter Soosie.

It was a rule for snitzen parties to come early and stay late. By seven o'clock Leah Lapp's neat kitchen was almost uncomfortably full of Amish boys and girls about Soosie's own age. Every one at this interesting party came armed with a paring knife. When they were seated in prim bows around the walls of the room, Leah Lapp smilingly gave to each one a bright tin basin filled with Red Streaks and Yellow Sweethearts.

"Ver's Benjie Stoltz?" asked Lissy Planck of Benjie's sister.

"He's comin' ven te horse be shoed," answered Debbie.

At the mention of Benjie Stoltz by Lissy, one might have observed the rosy color on Soosie's face deepen as she answered, shyly: "Vy, coom to butter-boiling in te morning. Dere be much work in de morning."

Soosie was entired, right about the extra work the apple butter boiling made in the household. Three o'clock in the morning often found the family up and at it.

Benjie started to the apple butter-boiling so early the next morning that the light just dawning in the east seemed a gray mist of a most melancholy tint. Finally he reached Jacob Lapp's gate.

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When she came back to the barn Benjie thought he saw traces of tears in her face, and he went to help her into the tumbler. Soosie's hand trembled as she held him for him, and he asked, with some concern: "Wat is te matter, Soosie?"

"Go away," Soosie answered him, hortly, but there was a sob in her voice that went straight to Benjie's simple heart.

"Ach, teese veem," he mused, as he scratched his crooked head. "Mebbe she do like me," he reasoned, and is ashamed. I ask her, and makes her say it if she do."

The snitzen party broke up with a grand parade around the barn floor to the time of "Bingo," after the feast of cakes and cider.

Benjie lingered behind the rest, and when he gave Soosie "good-night" at the big barn-yard gate, he said, with more determination in his tone than he ever warranted: "Te fassnachts is goot, Soosie."

"So?" assented Soosie, greatly pleased. She prided herself upon her good cooking. "Vell, ten coom, and get some more just like tem."

"Ven, Soosie?" asked Benjie, catching on to this straw-thrown-out so artlessly.

The color began to come and go in Soosie's face with charming grace, as she answered, shyly: "Vy, coom to butter-boiling in te morning. Dere be much work in de morning."

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TO AN AUDIENCE OF ONE.

And He Was the Janitor of the Opera House.

"I never see it snow but I am reminded of one night in Colorado," said Tess B. Fulton, of the Fulton Stock company, a few days ago, as he watched the white falling flakes. "We were playing in Colorado, one night stands, and we struck a small town in the mining country. It snowed all day, and at night you could not see a foot ahead for the blinding storm. Some how the members of the company reached the theater and then waited for the audience to come. In about an hour a man entered and took a seat near the door. A consultation was selected to go out and explain the situation to the audience. I stepped in front of the curtain and clearing my throat, said:

"Sir, I am glad to see that the storm did not keep you away. We have decided to leave to you the question of whether we will have the show or not.

"You are the only man here, and to-morrow night we must make the next stand. We will give the play just as biled, if you ask it, but if you have no obj—"

Amount necessary to redeem, \$45.22 plus the fees of the sheriff.

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WHERE MANKIND IS KING.

Gift of Speech Puts Him in a Class by Himself.

The gift of speech is the last proof of Divine favor. In virtue of which mankind has the rest of the animal kingdom faded, and stands in a class by himself.

Some beasts are stronger than men, and some know more, but no beast can be such a bore as a man, nor can any beast stop over in the true sense of the term. These distinctions we owe to the gift of speech.

The gift of speech, moreover, lays us under compulsion to read a great many things which otherwise we would not, in order that when we have nothing to say, we may nevertheless say something. Thus we promote the publishing business, create a demand for wood pulp, assist in the deforestation of the earth's surface, stir up a new school of kickers, increase discontent and contribute, at length, to progress and petulance.

Our ancestors used to consider speech a means of concealing thought, but we have nothing to conceal—FUCK.

Wolf Raided Sheepfold.

George H. Israel, who lives on the farm of Sheriff Samuel Parks in Johnson township, Brown county, thought his sheep were being killed by Oscar Autio's dog. Israel went to the Auto home armed with a gun, where he intended to kill the sheep-killing dog.

A fight took place between the two men, and after they had paid their dues before Justice Robinson of Johnson township, they learned that he had just trapped a large timber wolf.

The neighbors immediately made friends and decided that the wolf had been killing the sheep instead of the dog, as supposed. The net of the dead wolf was taken to Nashville.

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The Wanderings of a Seagull.

On October 25 last there was shot at Ouchy, on Lake Leman a seagull, aged about 18 months, which the Country Gentleman states, was found to be wearing on its claw a silver ring engraved with the words "Vogelstation, Rosstetten 20." Rosstetten is situated in the Lido of the Courland lagoon, between Konigsberg and Memel, in the Baltic, 1,500 kilometers from the Lake of Geneva. M. Forel of Lausanne communicated with Dr. J. Thienemann, director of the ornithological station at Rosstetten. According to the latest notes, the gull No. 20 was hatched there, and was marked with the ring when a few weeks old, before it could fly on July 4, 1906. It seems probable that it had made two winter migrations before it fell a victim to the winter barbary.—Westminster Gazette.

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"Stir te butter, Benjie," she protested.

The smell of scorching cider began to fill the air.

Jacob Lapp scented it as he was eating his breakfast, and called loudly from the door of the summer kitchen: "Te 'tudwarkell burns! Stir, Soosie, stir!"

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"Stir, Benjie, stir," pleaded Soosie. "Dattie will be angry."

But Benjie, jubilant now, picked the stirrer clear out of the kettle, and said, firmly: "Say you think me nice, Soosie. I know you does, but say it, and ten you ain't ashamed some more."

"Dattie's" heavy, halting steps were heard approaching.

"Oh, he's a-comin," panted Soosie, half in terror and half in ecstasy at Benjie's confession-of-love-for-her, and she grasped the big stirrer and plumped it into the bubbling apples with one hand, while the other she pulled Benjie's face close down to hers, and whispered, softly, but loud enough for Benjie to hear, "I think you be nice, Benjie, and I like you some more as I do myself. Now will you stir?"

And Benjie willed to stir.

Has Much Public Business.

Notwithstanding the public buildings owned by New York city it pays in rents \$32,000 annually.

Do Does a Bear.

"Don't you sleep well on the cars?"

"No. I generally stay awake all night trying to remember the name of my sleeping car."

Almost a Nightmare.

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1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, and 1901.

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1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, and 1901.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$55.68 plus the fees of the sheriff.

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